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evidence contradicting that presumption. If it was delivered personally, it is considered to have been filed on the date the Office of the Clerk receives it. If it was submitted by facsimile, the date of the facsimile is considered to be the filing date. If it was submitted by commercial delivery, the date of filing is the date it was delivered to the commercial delivery service. If it was submitted by electronic mail, it is considered to have been filed on the date sent.

(e) Extensions of time. The Board will grant a request for extension of time only when good cause is shown.

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### §1203.14 Serving documents.

(a) Parties. In every case, the person requesting regulation review must serve a copy of the request on the Director of OPM. In addition, when the implementation of a regulation is being challenged, the requester must also serve a copy of the request on the head of the implementing agency. A copy of all other pleadings must be served, by the person submitting the pleading, on each other party to the proceeding.

(b) Method of serving documents. Pleadings may be served on parties by mail, by personal delivery, by fac-simile, or by commercial delivery. Service by mail is accomplished by mailing the pleading to each party or representative, at the party's or representative's last known address. Service by facsimile is accomplished by transmitting the pleading by facsimile to each party or representative. Service by personal delivery or by commercial delivery is accomplished by delivering the pleading to the business office or home of each party or representative and leaving it with the party or representative, or with a responsible person at that address. Regardless of the method of service, the party serving the document must submit to the Board, along with the pleading, a certificate of service as proof that the document was served on the other parties or their representatives. The certificate of service must list the names and addresses of the persons on whom

the pleading was served, must state the date on which the pleading was served, must state the method (*i.e.*, mail, personal delivery, facsimile, or commercial delivery) by which service was accomplished, and must be signed by the person responsible for accomplishing service.

(c) Electronic mail filing and service. Other than the initial request for a regulation review, pleadings in a regulation review proceeding may be filed with the Board and served upon other parties by electronic mail, provided the requirements in §1201.5 of this chapter are satisfied.

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## § 1203.15 Review of regulations on the Board's own motion.

The Board may, from time to time, review a regulation on its own motion under 5 U.S.C. 1204(f)(1)(A). When it does so, it will publish notice of the review in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

[54 FR 28658, July 6, 1989]

### § 1203.16 Proceedings.

The Board has substantial discretion in conducting a regulation review under this part. It may conduct a review on the basis of the pleadings alone, or on the basis of the pleadings along with any or all of the following:

- (a) Additional written comments;
- (b) Oral argument;
- (c) Evidence presented at a hearing; and/or
- (d) Evidence gathered through any other appropriate procedures that are conducted in accordance with law.

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## § 1203.21 Final order of the Board.

- (a) *Invalid regulation*. If the Board determines that a regulation is invalid on its face, in whole or in part, it will require any agency affected by the order to stop complying with the regulation, in whole or in part. In addition, it may order other remedial action that it finds necessary.
- (b) Invalidly implemented regulation. If the Board determines that a regulation has been implemented invalidly, in

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whole or in part, it will require affected agencies to terminate the invalid implementation.

- (c) *Corrective action*. The Board may order corrective action necessary to ensure compliance with its order. The action it may order includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (1) Cancellation of any personnel action related to the prohibited personnel practice;
- (2) Rescission of any action related to the cancelled personnel action;
- (3) Removal of any reference, record, or document within an employee's official personnel folder that is related to the prohibited personnel practice;
  - (4) Award of back pay and benefits;
  - (5) Award of attorney fees;
- (6) Other remedial measures to reverse the effects of a prohibited personnel practice; and
- (7) The agency's submission of a verified report of its compliance with the Board's order.

## § 1203.22 Enforcement of order.

- (a) Any party may ask the Board to enforce a final order it has issued under this part. The request may be made by filing a petition for enforcement with the Office of the Clerk of the Board and by serving a copy of the petition on each party to the regulation review. The request may be filed by electronic mail, provided the requirements in §1201.5 of this part are satisfied. The petition must include specific reasons why the petitioning party believes that there has been a failure to comply with the Board's order.
- (b) The Board will take all action necessary to determine whether there has been compliance with its final order. If it determines that there has been a failure to comply with the order, it will take actions necessary to obtain compliance.
- (c) Where appropriate, the Board may initiate the enforcement procedures described in 5 CFR 1201.183(c).

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## Subpart A—Purpose and Scope

## § 1204.1 Purpose.

This part implements the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended, by stating the procedures to follow when requesting information from the Board, and by stating the fees that will be charged for that information.

## § 1204.2 Scope.

(a) For the purpose of this part, the term *record* and any other term used in reference to information includes any information that would be a Board record subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552 when maintained by the Board in any format including an electronic format. All written requests for information that are not processed under part 1205 of this chapter will be processed under this part. The Board may continue, without complying with this part, to furnish the public with the information it has furnished in the regular course of performing its official